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1. PLEASE INFORM APPROPRIATE NATO/IS PERSONNEL THAT CHARLES WILDS HAS BASIC CONVERSATIONAL KNOWLEDGE OF FRENCH. WE ARE MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR A SPECIAL INTENSIVE PROGRAM OF INSTRUCTION IN FRENCH FOR MR. WILDS AT EMBASSY FOR UP TO TWO HOURS A DAY AFTER HIS ARRIVAL IN BRUSSELS. FSI IS SENDING SEPARATE MESSAGE RE FUNDING OF WILDS LANGUAGE TRAINING. INSTRUCTION WILL CONTINUE UNTIL HIS KNOWLEDGE OF FRENCH IS UP TO STANDARD REQUIRED.

2. YOU MIGHT POINT OUT TO NATO/IS THAT WE FACE A SPECIAL PROBLEM WITH REGARD TO ASSIGNMENT OF FOREIGN SERVICE (BUT NOT CIVIL SERVICE) PERSONNEL; AND THAT THEIR UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION TO OVERCOME THE PROBLEM WOULD BE APPRECIATED. THE PROBLEM IS THAT UNCLASSIFIED

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ASSIGNMENT DECISIONS ON GOOD FOREIGN SERVICE PERSONNEL ARE MADE ABOUT SIX MONTHS AHEAD OF TIME. THAT MEANS IN THE CASE OF MR. WILDS THAT DEPARTMENT DID NOT MAKE HIM AVAILABLE FOR EXCELLENT FOREIGN SERVICE POSITIONS

FOR WHICH HE WAS NEEDED BECAUSE OF THE IMPENDING INFRASTRUCTURE CONTROLLER VACANCY. WE ALSO PROPOSED EARLY

THIS YEAR TO ASSIGN MR. WILDS TO THE FSI FOR FRENCH LANGUAGE TRAINING TO ASSURE THAT HE WOULD BE FLUENT IN FRENCH. THIS TRAINING COULD HAVE BEEN GIVEN ONLY ON THE BASIS OF A FIRM ASSIGNMENT TO NATO. NATO FAILED TO ADVERTISE THE POSITION FOR SEVERAL MONTHS EVEN THOUGH WE HAD INFORMED THEM OF THE FOREGOING AND WE STILL HAVE NO DECISION THAT WOULD ENABLE US TO ASSIGN MR. WILDS TO THE FSI.

3. IF WE CANNOT COUNT ON RETAINING THE VERY FEW KEY NATO POSITIONS FILLED BY FOREIGN SERVICE PERSONNEL BECAUSE WE -- BUT NOT OTHER NATIONS -- HAVE TO VACATE THEM EVERY FEW YEARS, THIS WOULD RESULT IN A SITUATION WHERE GOOD FOREIGN SERVICE PERSONNEL CAN NO LONGER BE PROPOSED FOR THESE POSITIONS. WE JUST CANNOT EXPECT GOOD OFFICERS TO FOREGO OTHER DESIRABLE ASSIGNMENTS WHICH WILL NO LONGER BE AVAILABLE AT THE TIME NATO DECIDES WHO TO APPOINT WHICH IS, AS INDICATED ABOVE, NORMALLY SIX MONTHS AFTER ASSIGNMENT DECISIONS HAVE TO BE MADE HERE. IT SHOULD OF COURSE BE EMPHASIZED THAT NO SUCH SPECIAL CONSIDERATION IS EXPECTED FOR NATO POSITIONS NOT TRADITIONALLY FILLED BY U.S. CANDIDATES, OR IN CASE WE PROPOSE A CANDIDATE WHO IS NOT FULLY QUALIFIED.

4. YOU SHOULD AGAIN REASSURE NATO THAT MR. WILDS IS AN OUTSTANDING CANDIDATE FOR THE POSITION, THAT

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HIS FRENCH WILL BE UP TO THE REQUIRED STANDARD WITHIN A SHORT TIME, AND ASK FOR THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF THE DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH WE HAVE TO OPERATE AS EXPLAINED ABOVE.

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